





# Books

## Geophysics in the Affairs of Man: A Personalized History of Exploration Geophysics and its Allied Sciences of Seismology and Oceanography

12. J. Bare, L. E. Gaskell, and R. B. Rice, *Pergamon*, Oxford, xx + 492 pp., 1982, \$25.

*Reviewed by Carl Kishner*

This book traces the development of the applications of the geophysical sciences to a variety of societal needs from their beginning to now, with emphasis on the "golden age," the mid 1920's through the 1960's. The phrase "applied geophysics" is often taken as synonymous with "geophysical exploration"; the broader viewpoint of this work is especially welcome. The authors certainly do not limit much of the treatment to exploration geophysics, a big business indeed, as also explored in a personalized way through the stories of a number of the companies large and small.

The tale rambles a bit along the way and the authors get immersed in great detail in places where they are talking about topics with which they have been closely associated. As a reader who cannot ignore a footnote, I found the flow of the text interrupted continually by the need to drop to the bottom of the page for the ancillary information deferred. I was annoyed by the penchant for military titles used throughout (Gen. Admiral David Beikirch, USN; Lieutenant "Jimmy" Lattar, USN [retired]).

I liked much of the personal evaluations by a number of well-known geophysicists of their own achievements and experience. The book closes with this section, which should help remind today's students that the advancement of science, including triumphs and blunders, comes from the efforts of people very much like themselves.

The authors have some strong prejudices that come through clearly in places. They don't like "environmentalists" and they take a dim view of a variety of national social programs of the time, particularly in the environmental part, including affirmative action in its various forms. I think that the kind of sarcasm about the environmental movement in the first part of chapter 7 has an effect similar to that of James Watt: the true believers perceive the need to circulate the wagons more closely and dig in deeper. The authors do mention some of the outstanding women and minority-group members who have been leaders in the fields covered, but the fact remains that the number of such people is very small. I think that as a history of applied geophysics, the book would have been better without these elements, but here my own prejudices are showing clearly.

The origins of seismic exploration for oil are explored, with emphasis on developments in the United States but with a fair treatment of European contributions. Gravity and magnetic methods are treated in less detail. The

parallel growth of earthquake seismology and oceanography in the 1930's is presented in terms of the leaders who emerged and the institutions that nurtured the effort.

The enormous impact of World War II on technical and theoretical developments important to geophysical bodies. The progress in all areas in the postwar period is highlighted by the story of Project Vela-Uniform, the search for methods to monitor underground nuclear tests that jerked seismology into the modern era within a few years, beginning in 1957. The continuation of this effort to the present is a theme through the rest of the book. Progress and the new leadership that emerged in the 1970's and 1980's are not treated in any detail. The commercial aspects of exploration geophysics, a big business indeed, are also explored in a personalized way through the stories of a number of the companies large and small.

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The book is a useful source of background on people and events that stimulated the growth of important parts of the geophysical sciences. It is especially important because it reminds us of the long-term effects on whole areas of human endeavor of isolated and apparently unrelated events.

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## New Publications

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Air-Sea Exchange of Gases and Particles, P. S.

Liss and W. G. Slinn (Eds.), D. Riedel, Boston, xii + 561 pp., 1983, \$65.00.

Changing Climate: Report of the Carbon Dioxide Assessment Committee, Board on Atmospheric Sciences and Climate, Commission on Physical Sciences, Mathematics, and Resources, National Research Council, National Academy Press, Washington, D. C., 1983.

Deformation Measurements, I. Joo and A. Deretzkai (Eds.), Akademiai Kiado, Budapest, xvii + 900 pp., 1983, \$59.

Earthquakes, Volcanoes, and Tsunamis: An Autobiography of Hazards, K. V. Steinbrugge (Ed.), Shauka Corp., xii + 399 pp., 1982, \$35.

Eddies in Marine Science, A. R. Robinson (Ed.), Springer-Verlag, New York, xxv + 609 pp., 1983, \$45.

Equilibrium, Non-equilibrium, and Natural Waters, 2 vols., R. M. Pytkowicz (Ed.), John Wiley, New York, vol. 1, xii + 351 pp.; vol. 2, xv + 353 pp., 1983, \$49.45 each.

Frigidovolcanic Bibliography, F. van der Leeden, Grootveld & Miller, Syssel, New York, xii + 400 pp., 1983, \$16.

Hydrofracturing and Geothermal Energy, S. Nemat-Nasser, H. Abe, S. Hirakawa (Eds.), Martinus Nijhoff, Boston, xi + 528 pp., 1983, \$78.95.

Ice Core Samples from Greenland and Antarctica, Ice Core Storage Facility and Information Exchange, SUNY Buffalo, New York, 49 pp.

Dam Safety Research Coordination Conference, Research Subcommittee of Interagency

Committee on Dam Safety, Washington, D. C., 1983.

The International Field Year for the Great Lakes, E. J. Albert and T. L. Richards (Eds.), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Ann Arbor, xi + 410 pp., 1983.

It Began with a Stone: A History of Geology From the Stone Age to the Age of Plate Tectonics, H. Faul and C. Faul (Eds.), John Wiley, New York, xvi + 270 pp., 1983, \$38.95.

Kinetics and Equilibrium in Alkaline Reactions, S. K. Saxena (Ed.), Springer-Verlag, New York, x + 273 pp., 1983, \$39.80.

The Major Biogeochemical Cycles and Their Interaction, B. Bolin and R. B. Cook (Eds.), John Wiley, New York, xxi + 532 pp., 1983, \$74.95.

Man, A Geomorphological Approach: An Introduction to Antropogenic Geomorphology, D. Atherton (Ed.), D. Riedel, Boston, xii + 105 pp., 1983, \$45.50.

Metal Pollution in the Aquatic Environment, U. Forstner and G. T. W. Witman (Eds.), Springer-Verlag, New York, 1983, \$29.

The Phanerozoic Geology of the World, M. Molnárová and A. E. M. Nairn (Eds.), Elsevier, New York, x + 450 pp., 1983, \$12.75.

The Physics and Chemistry of Color: The Fifteen Causes of Color, John Wiley, New York, xx + 454 pp., 1983, \$43.95.

Practical Sedimentology, D. W. Lewis, Hutchinson Ross, Stroudsburg, Pa., ix + 229 pp., 1984.

Principles of Aquatic Chemistry, F. M. M. Morel, John Wiley, New York, ix + 446 pp., 1983, \$49.95.

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## 1983 Robert E. Horton Award



**David A. Woolhiser**

**Citation**

The recipient of this year's American Geophysical Union Robert E. Horton Award is David A. Woolhiser of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service. Dr. Woolhiser is Supervisory Research Hydrologist and Research Leader for Watershed Hydrology at the Southwest Research and Development Center in Tucson, Arizona. His academic training was at the University of Wisconsin, where he received degrees of Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Philosophy, both in Civil Engineering, and at the University of Arizona, where he received an M.S., also in Civil Engineering.

In Woolhiser's career has spanned government and academia, and his contributions to hydrology have ranged from theoretical developments to practical applications.

He has more than 20 years of service with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and has been on the faculty of Cornell University, Colorado State University, and the University of Arizona. He is very active in the American Geophysical Union, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

His first major contribution to hydrology was an accurate solution to the shallow water equations with boundary conditions appropriate to overland flow. His derivation of a one-dimensional kinematic flow model set both a criterion for when the kinematic wave formulation can be used in place of the complete flow equations.

This initial contribution was extended in a number of important directions that led to

the development of the kinematic overland flow model into an important hydrological tool. Dave collaborated in obtaining the first solutions to the combined overland flow and infiltration problem, utilizing a partial differential equation formulation for both phenomena. Additional developments include numerical methods to solve the kinematic wave equations, the formulation and solution of overland flow for nonconverging surfaces, development of a kinematic cascade for surface runoff, and the formulation of a nonlinear kinematic wave model for overland flow.

Dave has also made important contributions in the application of the kinematic overland flow model to real-world problems. A major outcome of Dave's overland flow research is a better understanding of the impact of spatial variability in catchment parameters on the runoff hydrograph and his pioneering work in unitplot hydrographs.

The impact of Dave's contributions can be measured by the role kinematic modeling has in hydrology today. Virtually every graduate hydrology curriculum has a course in kinematic modeling. The U.S. Geological Survey's Distributed Routing Rainfall Runoff Model is based upon kinematic overland and channel flow equations and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' STORM model has a kinematic model component. The kinematic model is a widely accepted tool in hydrologic consulting.

Thus, it is a great pleasure that I present the 1983 AGU Robert E. Horton Award to Dr. David A. Woolhiser, a scientist and researcher of the highest merit.

Peter S. Eagleson  
President  
AGU Hydrology Section

**Acceptance**

It is a great pleasure to receive this award. Upon reflecting on my research career in hydrology, it is clear to me that chance and privilege have played a major role leading to this occasion.

Because chance plays such an important part in hydrologic phenomena, it is, perhaps, appropriate that I entered the field by chance. In my undergraduate program at the University of Wisconsin, I concentrated on the structural option in the Agricultural Engineering Curriculum. I did take one course in hydrology, and wrote a U.S. thesis on a hydrologic topic, but I must admit that I really was not particularly excited about the subject. When graduation time came, however, my job offers were both for hydrology research positions. I accepted a position as instructor with the Agricultural Engineering Department at the University of Arizona, and started work on July 1, 1955, installing rain gauges and surveying reservoirs at the Alterbury

Reservoir Watershed east of Tucson, Arizona. During the course of the 3 years that I was associated with this project, I became fascinated with the challenges associated with describing surface runoff phenomena in semiarid regions. It became clear to me that significant rainfall and runoff models were essential in this regard, and so my career to mention a few.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to my agency, the Agricultural Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Although our research mission is an applied one, our managers recognize that practical applications are often hampered by theoretical problems, and thus individual researchers require considerable freedom to choose areas of research.

To my colleagues, former students, the many aides and technicians who gathered experimental watershed data, and to the secretaries who typed barely legible papers, I would like to dedicate this award. This honor would not have been possible without you.

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